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Skating Clothes

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A MUCH maligned creature is Dame Fashion, for she is not nearly as tyrannical as the scoffer would have us infer. The close observer soon realizes that there is a reason for many of her modes, as they are generally based on the needs of the times.

For instance, the debutante this winter must preserve her strength in order to be able to accomplish the really efficient war work that is expected of her, hence the popularity of that outdoor sport, skating, with its exhilarating effect. Dancing, of course, will not be the pastime this year, because one cannot dance without men, and as the really smart

Uses of Fur and Leather for the Winter Sports Costumes as Shown in Advanced Styles.



White Cloth
Suit, with
White Astrakhan
on Collar,
Cuffs and
Buttons.
Coat Lined
with Black Satin.

Brick-Colored Cloth with Bands of Seal-skin.
Collar of Dull Blue French Leather.

placed on fur—that is, there should be separate trays for each garment and folds of

Black and White Striped Velvet, Trimmed
in White and Black Fox.

thine paper should separate even the sleeves from the coat. If camphor or anything of that nature is used, it should not be allowed to come in actual contact with the fur, as it discolors it. Such care preserves the fur and makes it possible to utilize it as Fashion's mood dictates.

The fashionable woman who possesses priceless furs keeps them in a cedar cupboard particularly prepared for that purpose. It is the duty of the maid to shake, comb (not brush) and dry, away from the fire, her mistress's furs and again restore them to the cupboard after wearing. This closely sealed and fragrant wardrobe is provided with poles on which are well padded hangers, satin covered, redolent with the particular sachet milady affects, on which to hang the coats and neck-pieces; the muffs and fur hats being hung on rods that are fastened to the wall.

Once a fortnight the housemaid wipes out the cupboard with turpentine and cedar oil, which, by the way, is an excellent plan for all receptacles where clothes are to be kept.

The woman who has scientifically cared for her furs has a veritable gold mine for this winter and she will introduce fur trimmings into her costumes for all occasions, particularly for skating. No fur is too old-fashioned; in fact, the quainter the smarter.

Take that rather rare fur today, white astrakhan. A most effective costume may be fashioned of white cloth trimmed around the bottom of the short coat with a band of this

fur, which also finishes off the neck, forms the cuff and even covers the large buttons down the front. The contrast to this all white costume is furnished by the black satin lining of the coat, while freedom is given the feet by slashing the bottom of the skirt into square blocks. This is an unusually smart costume and is particularly effective in the rinks that some of the smart hotels have established on their roofs as a permanent mode of amusement for their patrons.

Another effective model fashioned out of gray duvetyne, the necessary width being given to the skirt by the same slashing at the bottom, has that becoming, if reminiscent, fur of one's childhood, gray squirrel, forming the large collar and cuffs. Such a costume is youthful and gay.

The rough tweeds promise to be as much worn as duvetyne, and are found in many light shades. There is a shade of light blue that may be used for this same design, having the gray squirrel as a trimming. Such a costume must bring cheer to the ardent little canteen worker who breaks away for a few hours' rest and change of scene. A pretty frock is a great moral support.

Gray Duvetyne Frock
with Leather-Faced Pockets,
Squirrel Collar and Cuffs.

For the indoor rink, the frock fur-trimmed with its neckpiece of fur is sufficiently warm without a coat while indulging in such vigorous exercise.

A model that adds to the gaiety of the scene is made of brick-colored cloth, and is simply trimmed with bands of seal-skin. The bodice has a facing at the neck and down the front of dull blue francais leather outlined with small leather buttons of the same shade. This picturesque costume, when completed with a fur at the neck and small hat, produces a particularly smart effect.

Very striking is the model of striped black and white velvet. It has richly embroidered pockets and cuffs and is trimmed with a combination of black and white fox that is used for stole and muff, giving an original touch that is the keynote of the frocks to be worn this season.

Gloves and boots are always important details in skating and should be chosen with much care.

The Fashion Forecast

Parisiennes are to wear only sombre colors this winter, though the materials, embroideries and furs will be very beautiful. Insofar as this example is followed, American women will express their taste for lighter and gayer colors in their sports clothes, especially in their skating frocks.

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